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The building opens at 6:45 p.m.; the talk begins at 7:15 p.m., and the question period concludes around 8:30 p.m. All are welcome! For further information, please call (717) 245-3803.

Tickets for the Buzz Aldrin lecture on Sept. 23 will be available beginning at noon on Sept. 8. A limited number of tickets are available for both Bliss Hall and Reynolds Theater. To reserve tickets, please call 245-3803 or 245-3641. U.S. Army War College Students may see their seminar leaders for tickets.

This lecture will be streamed live from the USAHEC Homepage starting at 7:15 pm on September 23rd for those unable to attend in person.

This lecture takes place in Bliss Hall, Carlisle Barracks

September 23, 2009 (Wednesday)

The Colonel Ronald A. Roberge Memorial Lecture,
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series

Dr. Buzz Aldrin

Astronaut

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Forty years ago, Buzz Aldrin became the second human, minutes after Neil Armstrong, to set foot on a celestial body other than the Earth. The event remains one of mankind's greatest achievements and was witnessed by the largest worldwide television audience in history. In the years since, millions more have had their Earth-centric perspective unalterably changed by the iconic photograph of Aldrin standing on the surface of the moon, the blackness of space behind him and his fellow explorer and the Eagle reflected in his visor. Describing the alien world he was walking upon, he uttered the words "magnificent desolation." And as the astronauts later sat in the Eagle, waiting to begin their journey back home, knowing that they were doomed unless every system and part on board worked flawlessly, it was Aldrin who responded to Mission Control's clearance to take off with the quip, "Roger. Understand. We're number one on the runway."

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